

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 and 19-29 are pending. Claims 18 and 30 are canceled. Applicants note that the Examiner's Amendments of September 28, 2007 are incorporated into the claims as previously presented. Upon entry of this paper, claims 2 and 21 are currently amended.

Claims 2 and 21 are amended to remove wherein R₆ and R₇ may be joined into a carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring system in order to more accurately define the inventive genus. Support for the amended claims can be found in the specification as filed, for example at page 8, lines 1-20 of the specification as filed.

Applicants note that Ishibashi (*J. Nat. Prod.*, 2002, 65, p. 500-504) discloses a compound 12, where R₁ is OMe, R₂ is OMe, R₃ is OMe, R₄ is OMe, R₅ and R₆ are -OCH₂O- (according to the numbering of Ishibashi). Ishibashi is discussed in the specification at page 6, lines 7-9, was cited in the International Search Report for this application during the PCT phase, was cited in the IDS for this application submitted May 29, 2007, and was considered by the Examiner as indicated by the initialed copy of the IDS. Applicants believe the application is patentable over the Ishibashi reference.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. **50-3732**, Order No. 13566.105007.

